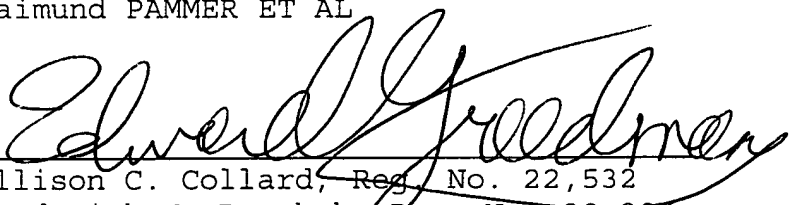


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Preliminary Amendment the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1. Claims 1 to 12 have been canceled and new claims 13 to 23 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
Raimund PAMMER ET AL

By:


Allison C. Collard, Reg. No. 22,532
Frederick J. Dorchak, Reg. No. 29,298
Edward R. Freedman, Reg. No. 26,048
Attorneys for Applicant

COLLARD & ROE, P.C.
1077 Northern Boulevard
Roslyn, NY 11576
(516) 365-9802

Express Mail No.: EV 723 898 342 US
Date of Deposit : June 16, 2005

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450.


Maria Guastella